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# EXECUTIVE LEADERS PROGRAM (ELP)

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Executive Leaders Program (ELP) offers graduate-level education for senior level local, state, territorial, federal government and private sector leaders. The program is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participating executives and does not require the workload of traditional graduate level education programs. Approximately thirty senior officials with homeland security responsibilities comprise each class.

Four, four-day, in-residence sessions are conducted over a nine-month period, conducted at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) facilities in Monterey, CA.

Seminars are conducted on such topics as cybersecurity, critical infrastructure, border/immigration, understanding threats, legal issues, strategic and crisis communications, adaptation and complexity as well as emerging homeland security issues. Topics are discussed on a strategic, policy and organizational design level with particular attention to enhancing critical thinking and enabling participants to strengthen working relationships across regions, agencies, and local-state-federal jurisdictional and private sector lines.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the program is to provide a forum to enhance senior leader capacity to identify and resolve homeland security issues and opportunities to strengthen national security. The program also assists in creating a nationwide homeland security network and building relationships between senior leaders across disciplines, agencies, and levels of government.

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

Candidates should be high-ranking government and private sector executives. The selection criteria evaluate the relevancy and level of applicants' positions, their homeland security responsibilities, the potential benefit to applicants and their organization, and the homeland security experience and knowledge they will bring to the program.

## ANNUAL APPLICATION DEADLINES

**JANUARY 15**  
**JUNE 15**

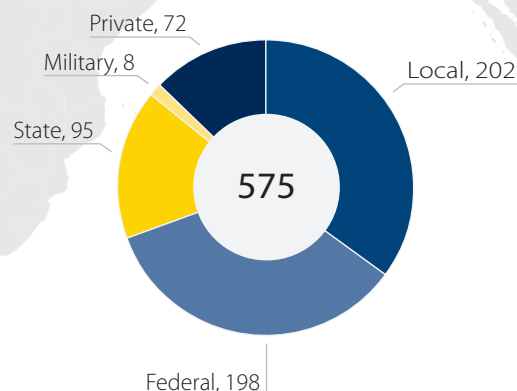
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## ALUMNI AND COHORTS

	2016	since inception August 2006
Graduated Cohorts	2	17
New ELP Alumni	62	-
In-Progress Cohorts	2	2
Current Students	62	-
Alumni	-	575
Total Cohorts	-	19

## ALUMNI

by jurisdiction



## WHAT SENIOR LEADERS HAVE TO SAY:

*“From day one of the Executive Leaders Program, I knew this program would be different. Nowhere else can you hear from such a variety of experts discussing issues so critical to the current challenges facing the world and our nation. Every session challenged the class, forcing us to think critically. The program is unique as it brings together leaders from various disciplines and encourages interaction and camaraderie. By the end of the ELP, you understand the greatest benefits are in the relationships you made and the resources you now have available to you.”*

— **V. JOYCE FLINN**

*Operations Division Administrator*

*Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*

*“The Naval Postgraduate School’s Center for Homeland Defense and Security, Executive Leaders Program, offered a real-world insight into the fight against hate of all types in both domestic and international settings. The quality of the instructors was outstanding and the networking opportunities were invaluable. The education highlighted the ELP’s tremendous expertise in this area. Their commitment to this topic is unsurpassed. Having this new knowledge base along with a solid partnership with CHDS definitely assisted our agency in our efforts to better protect our community.”*

— **THOMAS CARNEY**

*Director of Police Services (Ret.)*

*North Miami Beach Police Department*

*“The Executive Leaders Program is a once in a lifetime opportunity. The course content, the instructors, and the friendships you make are second to none. I would recommend this program to anyone in a senior leadership position within their organization, where a value is placed on growth and learning. Well worth the investment of time.”*

— **DONALD ALWAY**

*Special Agent in Charge*

*Federal Bureau of Investigation*

*“I am thankful to The Center for Homeland Defense and Security for putting together a terrific program that allowed executives from both private and public organizations to collaborate on critical security issues. The skillful moderated conversations were both timely and relevant to Miami’s unique concerns. I left the sessions with renewed confidence that our city remains vigilant and is continuing to push its emergency preparations in the right direction.”*

— **MARTIN KALIS**

*Public Health Advisor*

*Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

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